



Middle East Investor Relations Society Officially launches Qatar Chapter

- ✓ **Qatar Founding Members commit to promoting best IR Practices in Qatar**
- ✓ **Qtel's Adel Al Mutawa accepts position of Inaugural Role as Qatar Chairman**
 - ✓ **2012 IR Conference and training dates to be released**

17 January 2012 – Doha, Qatar – The Middle East Investor Relations Society officially announced today the launch of the Qatar Chapter and the appointment of the Chapter's founding members and inaugural Chairman.

The central objective of the informal Qatar chapter will be to promote and develop the Investor Relations profession in Qatar, through the establishment of a solid networking platform and a forum for the development of best practice, professional and corporate development.

The Qatar chapter supports the further development and practice of Investor Relations in Qatar, in line with the increasing growth and significance of the Qatar Exchange as an international capital market, the growing importance of regional and international investors to Qatari companies and the commensurate need for increased levels of transparency and disclosure. The founding members of the Qatar chapter include:

- Amwal
- The Bank of New York Mellon
- Al Khalij Commercial Bank (al khaliji) Q.S.C.
- Qtel
- Thomson Reuters
- Vodafone Qatar
- Commercial Bank of Qatar

Peter Gotke, Board member of the ME-IR Society commented 'We are delighted to see the launch of the Qatar Chapter, and are very grateful to the local companies and for leading the way in best practice IR in Qatar. Adel Al Mutawa's appointment as Chairman brings a wealth of

experience, knowledge and relationships to our established team and with support from the Society, his guidance will be instrumental in helping to promote Investor Relations in Qatar.

As Executive Director of Qtel, Adel Al Mutawa has full responsibility for all stakeholder communications for Qtel, including public and media relations, investor relations, international relations, internal communications and brand management. Before joining Qtel, Al Mutawa worked with the Ministry Of Foreign Affairs where he started his career in the First Deputy Prime Minister's Office, before being promoted to Second Secretary.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Middle East Investor Relations Society to support the professional development of Investor Relations and to encourage more Qatari institutions and nationals to become involved with this challenging and essential work," said Al Mutawa.

In alignment with the Society, the Qatar chapter will be an independent, not for profit organisation with membership open to all Investor Relations, financial communications and capital market professionals in Qatar. Members will have full access to all wider Society resources and events, together with the opportunity to network with their peers across the region.

About the Middle East Investor Relations Society (ME-IR Society)

The Middle East Investor Relations Society is an independent, neutral, not-for-profit organization with membership open to all IR, financial communications, and capital markets professionals throughout the Middle East region. The Society's objectives are to promote excellence in investor relations through executive training, professional qualifications, seminars and network events, working in partnership with stock exchanges, regulatory bodies and market professionals in the region.

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